

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully traverse and request reconsideration.

Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for the notice that claims 1-5 and 10-15 have been allowed.

Remaining claims 8-9 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Schmitz and further in view of Dahlen et al. The office action cites the Dahlen reference, column 6, lines 33-35 as allegedly teaching that in response to receiving a retransmitted authentication code from an intermediate destination unit, an authentication code is returned back to the authentication unit. However, the cited portion refers to the parallel execution of commands. The claim is not directed to the parallel execution of commands but actually the sequential return of an authentication code back to an authentication unit after the authentication code was retransmitted by the same authentication unit to an intermediate destination unit. Combining the teaching of Dahlen with that of Schmitz would merely result in a system of Schmitz which further included the performance of some sort of parallel execution of commands. The claim does not require any parallel execution of commands. As such, Applicants respectfully submit that the Dahlen reference in combination with Schmitz also does not teach or suggest the claimed subject matter. As such, the claim is in condition for allowance.

As to claim 9, Applicants also respectfully note that the cited portion of Dahlen, namely column 6, lines 48-50 makes no mention of any code being communicated transparent to a user. As such, the reference does not teach what is alleged and the claims are also in condition for allowance for at least this reason as well.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. The Examiner is invited to contact the below-listed attorney if the

Examiner believes that a telephone conference will advance the prosecution of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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